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TO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJECT: SECURITY OF DIPLOMATIC POUCHES

RECENT REPORTS HAVE POINTED OUT THAT CHANGES IN AIRPORT SECURITY MEASURES HAVE MADE IT DIFFICULT AND SOMETIMES IMPOSSIBLE FOR COURIERS TO MAINTAIN PHYSICAL OR VISUAL CONTROL OF THEIR POUCHES IF THEY ARE NOT CABIN LOADED. POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO REPLY BY PRIORITY MESSAGE GIVING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REFERENCE THE METHODS POUCHES ARE HANDLED:

- A. ARE COURIER POUCHES CABIN LOADED?
- B. HOW MANY COURIERS ACCOMPANY POUCHES?
- C. DOES THE POST SEND AMERICAN PERSONNEL UPON THE RAMP TO MEET COURIER PLANE?
- D. DO POST AMERICAN PERSONNEL OBSERVE PLANE UNTIL PROFESSIONAL COURIER DISSEMBARKS TO ASSUME

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CONTROL OF POUCHES?

E. DOES THE COURIER LOAD POUCHES ON THE PLANE?

F. DO POST PERSONNEL OBSERVE PLANE UNTIL PLANE IS  
AIR-BORNE.

G. IS THERE ANY RESTRICTION ON THE MOVEMENT OF  
COURIER ONCE HE DISSEMBARKS?

H. DOES COURIER STAND ON GROUND ON DEPARTURE UNTIL  
CARGO HATCH IS CLOSED AND SEALED?

I. WHAT HAPPENS SHOULD PLANE NOT TAKE OFF AND  
RETURNS TO TARMAC? RUSH

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